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June 16, 2015


The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

19 June 16, 2015


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2015-16
ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This Board Letter requests authority for the District Attorney and Public Defender to accept grant funds under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the District Attorney and Public Defender to accept grant funds, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, allocated by the Board of State and Community Corrections under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, in the amount of \$546,592, of which \$273,296 will be allocated to the District Attorney and \$273,296 to the Public Defender. A ten percent match or \$60,732 of the total project cost of \$607,324 is required.
2. Authorize the District Attorney and Public Defender, or their respective designees, to serve as Project Director for their respective programs and to execute, on behalf of the County, the grant award agreement and any required extensions, revisions, or amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the program is to promote greater accountability of juveniles in the juvenile justice system and to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal activities. The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) supports this ongoing effort by coordinating Juvenile

Accountability Block Grant (JABG) grant funds for State and local government agencies. Although the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention discontinued federal funding of the JABG program, BSCC has continued to fund local jurisdiction with reserve JABG funding from previous year allocations. The current grant will fund programs from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. A Board approved Resolution authorizing acceptance of the grant funds is required by the BSCC in order for the funds to be released to the County.

In accordance with the granting agency requirements, on May 19, 2015, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) convened a meeting of the JABG Advisory Board, comprised of representatives from various agencies, to consider and recommend allocation of the \$546,592 JABG funds allocated to the County. The JABG Advisory Board voted to recommend allocation of \$273,296, or exactly 50 percent of the funds, to the District Attorney Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) and \$273,296, or exactly 50 percent, to the Public Defender Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) projects. A summary of the JOIN and CARE projects is included in Attachment I.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These JABG programs are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability: maximize the effectiveness of the processes, structure, operations, and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; and Goal No. 3, Integrated Service Delivery: maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Los Angeles County's fiscal year (FY) 2015-16 JABG allocation is \$546,592 or 90 percent of the total project cost of \$607,324. The JABG grant guidelines require a ten percent match of the direct allocation, or \$60,732. An allocation of \$273,296 will be included in the District Attorney and Public Defender's FY 2015-16 budgets, respectively. The departments will use existing resources to absorb the required match.

Continued funding for future year direct allocations will be dependent upon the outcome of federal appropriations for FY 2016-17. Should funding for these programs be terminated, an evaluation will be conducted to determine if the programs would be discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The JABG program remains under Title II of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act. The BSCC recently published the FY 2015-16 JABG funding award amounts based on California's 2013/14 federal allocations. The amount allocated for eligible counties in California is \$1,936,480. Of the state award, \$546,592 is allocated to Los Angeles County.

The JABG Advisory Board membership consists of the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, and representatives from the following agencies: City of Monterey Park Police Department, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Public Defender's Office, Department of Children and Family Services, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Children's Advocacy Center, and the Los Angeles Boys and Girls Club.

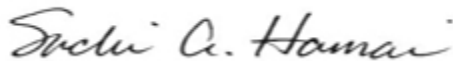
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The District Attorney's JOIN program and the Public Defender's CARE project will receive \$273,296 respectively. Unfunded program components will be absorbed by each department or reduced as necessary. The funding allocation was recommended by the JABG Advisory Board and has been reviewed and cleared by the affected County departments regarding service level impact.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board return three (3) original signature copies of the adopted Resolution to this office.

Respectfully submitted,



SACHI A. HAMAI

Interim Chief Executive Officer

SAH:JJ:SK

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Enclosures

- c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
- County Counsel
- District Attorney
- Sheriff
- Children and Family Services
- Office of Education
- Probation
- Public Defender

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles desires to receive and utilize federal grant funds available through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (hereafter referred to as BSCC) for the Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) and the Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles authorizes the District Attorney and Public Defender or their designees, to submit the two proposals to the BSCC. Said individuals are authorized to sign and approve the Grant Award Agreement including any extensions or amendments thereof on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and to serve as Project Directors and perform all necessary tasks to complete the projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said projects (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of the BSCC and that the match will be appropriated as required.

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and the BSCC disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

1 The foregoing resolution was on the 16th day of June, 2015,
2 passed, approved, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of
3 Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment
4 and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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6 Ayes: Supervisors Solis, Ridley-Thomas, Kuehl, Knabe and Antonovich

7 Noes: NONE

8 Absent: NONE
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PATRICK OGAWA, Interim Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

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16 Deputy

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18 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
19 MARK J. SALADINO
20 COUNTY COUNSEL

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22 JOSEPH A. LANGTON
23 Principal Deputy County Counsel
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FY 2015-16 COUNTY JABG PROGRAM FUNDS
PROJECT SUMMARIES

The District Attorney and Public Defender are the County agencies participating in JABG Program for FY 2015-16. Each of the participating County agencies will use the grant funds for the following programs:

District Attorney

\$273,296

- The Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) is a voluntary program that targets first-time low level offenders ages 10-17, for diversion from the juvenile justice system into a one-year program that offers immediate intervention and accountability without formal prosecution. Under the supervision of a Hearing Officer, JOIN youth and their parents can avoid the juvenile justice system by promptly taking responsibility for their actions, making restitution and apologizing to their victim(s), performing community service, attending school regularly, and participating in counseling and parenting programs. JOIN cases are resolved without a court appearance at approximately 22% of the cost of court processing. JOIN's success rate exceeds 84%, making it one of the most effective juvenile diversion programs in California. JOIN has received numerous awards, including the Quality and Productivity Commission's Gold Eagle Award and the LA County Stars Organizational Effectiveness Award, which recognized the program as an outstanding service delivery system that is efficient, effective and goal-oriented.

Public Defender

\$273,296

- The Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) project strategically integrates psychiatric social workers and resource attorneys into defense teams at the nine Juvenile Courts to assess, identify, and make disposition recommendations to the Juvenile Court to address children's mental health, developmental disabilities, serious learning disabilities, co-occurring disorders and substance abuse needs. CARE services include conducting psycho-social assessments, identifying services and programs to meet the child's needs, assisting in initiating early intervention of needed services, providing client and family support during the court process, and developing recommendations for effective disposition plans. CARE serves approximately 1,300 juvenile clients annually. In a recent case review, 78% of CARE youth had no new criminal charges filed in either the juvenile or adult court within one year of the youth's disposition in juvenile court. Courts rely on the critical information provided by CARE and over the past twelve and a half years on average have adopted nearly 82% of the CARE disposition recommendations. In March 2008, CARE received the California Council on Mentally Ill Offenders "Best Practices" award for its approach in effectively serving the needs of the mentally ill offender. In November 2008, CARE was recognized by the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention State Advisory Group for its dedication and significant contributions to the juvenile justice field.

Total JABG Funds

\$546,592